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1. JULY 16 EDITION OF QATARI DAILY "AL ARAB" CARRIED INTERVIEW WITH SOMALI CHARGE ON BERBERA FACILITIES UNDER HEADLINE "SOMALIA DENIES PRESENCE OF FOREIGN BASE IN BERBERA AND CONFIRMS PRESENCE OF AMERICAN BASE IN DIEGO GARCIA."

2. MOST OF INTERVIEW WAS RECAPITULATION OF RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE APPARENTLY GIVEN BY SOMALI FOREIGN MINISTER ARTEH, DURING WHICH ARTEH STRONGLY ASSAILED "INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM WHICH INSISTED THAT SOMALIA HAD RUSSIAN BASES IN BERBERA AREA."

3. ARTEH ALSO REFERRED TO MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENTS FORD

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AND SIAD DURING LATTER'S VISIT TO U.S. DURING WHICH HE REPORT-

EDLY TOLD PRESIDENT FORD THAT THOSE WHO HAD TOLD FORD THAT THERE WAS FOREIGN BASE IN SOMALIA HAD MISLED HIM, "AND WERE CRIMINALS WHO SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE."

4. ACCORDING INTERVIEW, ARTEH SAID THAT OBJECTIVE BEHIND "THIS LIE" IS CLEAR TO ARABS AND OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES, I.E. IMPERIALISTS WERE TRYING TO GAIN MORE TIME TO REARM ISRAELIS AND TO CREATE "SITUATION OF UNCERTAINTY" BETWEEN ARAB AND AFRICAN NATIONS. ARTEH EXPRESSED PUZZLEMENT WHY "IMPERIALISTS" WERE WARNING ARABS OF DANGER WHEN AMERICANS PREPARING BASE ON DIEGO GARCIA TO THREATEN AREA.
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